

Authority challenged in the Temple

Matthew 21:23-27	Mark 11:27-33	Luke 20:1-8
<p>(23) When he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?”</p> <p>(24) Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, which if you tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>(25) The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?”</p> <p>They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’</p> <p>(26) But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all hold John as a prophet.”</p> <p>(27) They answered Jesus, and said, “We don’t know.”</p> <p>He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.</p>	<p>(27) They came again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders came to him,</p> <p>(28) and they began saying to him, “By what authority do you do these things? Or who gave you this authority to do these things?”</p> <p>(29) Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>(30) The baptism of John—was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me.”</p> <p>(31) They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we should say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’</p> <p>(32) If we should say, ‘From men,’”—they feared the people, for all held John to really be a prophet.</p> <p>(33) They answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”</p> <p>Jesus said to them, “Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.”</p>	<p>(1) It happened on one of those days, as he was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the Good News, that the priests and scribes came to him with the elders.</p> <p>(2) They asked him, “Tell us: by what authority do you do these things? Or who is giving you this authority?”</p> <p>(3) He answered them, “I also will ask you one question. Tell me:</p> <p>(4) the baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?”</p> <p>(5) They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why didn’t you believe him?’</p> <p>(6) But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.”</p> <p>(7) They answered that they didn’t know where it was from.</p> <p>(8) Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”</p>

Parable of the two sons

Matthew 21:28-32
<p>(28) But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’</p> <p>(29) He answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind, and went.</p> <p>(30) He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he didn’t go.</p> <p>(31) Which of the two did the will of his father?”</p> <p>They said to him, “The first.”</p> <p>Jesus said to them, “Most certainly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into the Kingdom of God before you.</p> <p>(32) For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you didn’t even repent afterward, that you might believe him.</p>